

**Submission
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**INQUIRY INTO MODERN SLAVERY ACT 2018 AND
ASSOCIATED MATTERS**

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The Hon Shayne Mallard MLC
Chair of the legislative council standing committee on social issues.
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Dear Mr Mallard,

I will be making just a brief contribution by way of a submission to this inquiry but I do expect at some stage in the future that I may be invited as a witness to present to the committee some of my concerns in regarding to some of the suggested government amendments to this legislation.

I note on many occasions in the early part of developing the legislation that efforts made to hinder the progress of this Act and it was at that time some people made comments that there may be constitutional problems that might arise from some particular parts of the MSAAct legislation or that there were bad drafting that may cause issues but of course having the Parliamentary Council draft the bill I'm confident that there are no issues that would truly affect bringing the MSAAct into affect thus causing constitutional issues.

In my opinion anyone that would contest the issues based on constitutional law would really be revealing their hand on escaping the very reason for this bill and that is to protect the most vulnerable and those exposed to being exploited by businesses or business owners trying to make significant profits.

Therefore, it would be incredibly disappointing to see the government take any opportunity to weaken this most robust Act the most toughest modern slavery act in the world and cripple it to me to not be able to carry out its mission.

For the record I have no problem where the MSAAct needs to be harmonise with federal law. But I and many stakeholders will have a problem if the bill is softened.

This will not only put back the global approach to fighting human trafficking and modern day slavery but it will also reflect badly on the current NSW Government and their commitment to such social justice issues.

If I am called as a witness could I please attend with witness with _____ formally of
International Justice Mission and _____ my former staff member.

Kind regards,

Paul Green